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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD


SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation With Dr. Conrad F. Taeuber,
Bureau of the Census, on 10 June 1966

1. Dr. Conrad F. Taeuber, Bureau of the Census, called today to report that he had discussed with the Director of the Bureau of the Census the matter of taking over from HEW the Staff and its NIS work, and that the Director felt that it was necessary to review the entire question with the Secretary of Commerce. Dr. Taeuber said that he thought this would take place early next week.

2. The Director of the Bureau of the Census takes the position that, if the Bureau is in a "free" situation to accept or reject work requested of it by various Government components, its mission would weigh against assuming a responsibility for producing NIS. On the other hand, if the Bureau is considered by the Secretary of Commerce to be a service agency for the Government, then the question of how far a service agency can go in accepting work beyond its stated mission would have to be answered.

3. Dr. Taeuber gave the impression that both he and the Director of the Bureau are favorably disposed toward undertaking the NIS work on Sections 42, 43, and 46 (in its role as a service agency), but that these basic questions would have to be answered by the top management in the Department of Commerce.

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